What is claimed is:

1. A fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument comprising:

a) a finger mount, having a proximal and distal end, and a cavity for releasably receiving a fingertip; and

b) a working element extending from the distal end of the finger mount.

2. The fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument of claim 1, wherein the working element is a scissors element having a stationary jaw and a moveable jaw.

3. The fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument of claim 1, wherein the working element is a tissue grasper.

4. The fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument of claim 1, wherein the working element is a clip applier.

5. The fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument of claim 1, wherein the working element is connected to an RF energy source.

6. The fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument of claim 1, wherein the working element is a blade connected to an ultrasonic transducer.

7. The fingertip-mounted minimally invasive surgical instrument of claim 1, wherein the working element is an aspirator and suction element.

8. A method of performing a minimally invasive surgical procedure in a patient comprising:

a) creating an incision to permit hand access within the patient;

b) introducing a hand instrument comprising:

i) a finger mount, having a proximal and distal end, and a cavity for releasably receiving a fingertip; and

ii) an ultrasonic transducer positioned on the finger mount and a blade extending distally from the transducer; and

c) actuating the transducer to deliver ultrasonic energy to the blade.

9. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of releasably engaging a finger with the hand instrument.

10. The method of claim 8 further comprising the step of actuating the transducer to provide therapeutic effects to the surgical site.